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AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 2071

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAID, EAGR, JM, GY, TD  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED PL 480 RICE SALE TO JAMAICA.

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 1570  
(B) PORT OF SPAIN 1407

1. THIS EMBASSY IS ALSO CONCERNED AT REPORTS THAT JAMAICA MAY BE REDUCING IMPORTS OF RICE FROM GUYANA TO ACCOMMODATE PL 480 SHIPMENTS. NEW NEGOTIATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN HERE SHORTLY BETWEEN GOTT AND GOG ON GUYANESE REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AND IT WOULD BE VERY AWKARD FOR US IF GUYANA WERE TO ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY NEED FOR ADDITIONAL AID FROM TRINIDAD IN PART ON DECLINING SALES OF RICE TO JAMAICA.

2. IN EARLIER MEETING WITH FRANK BARSOTTI, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE WHO HEADS GOTT NEGOTIATING TEAM, HE RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER US COMMODITY ASSISTANCE WOULD DISRUPT CARICOM TRADE. USUAL MARKETING REQUIREMENTS OF PL 480 SALES WERE EXPLAINED TO HIM. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WE COULD PASS ALONG TO  
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HIM USG POSITION IN THIS REGARD, PREFERABLY BEFORE BILATERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD. (DATE HAS NOT YET BEEN SET.)  
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